

Our democracy is endangered by the further consolidation of the Media. Pappas Telecasting Company is proving this with there 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas. This media group is abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

This is a severe dis-service to the public and does not serve local issues.

Corporate headquarters can not be allowed to try to sway elections by offering free access to one side. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license

renewal process
needs to involve
more than just a
returned postcard.
Thank you.